(d) Damages to National Highway No-52 (Baihata Charali to Jonai and Dirak to Rupai Sectors) were in the form of potholes, pavement disintegration including subgrade failure, erosion of approaches to bridges, damage to protection works, road breaches etc. These damages were repaired at the cost mentioned below:

SI. No.	Year	Repair Cost (Rs. In lakh)
1.	1996-97	55.00
2.	1997-98	97.00
3.	1998-99	205.00

Construction of Darbhanga-Forvis Ganj National Highway

†192. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of latest progress with regard to the construction of Darbhanga-Forvis Ganj National Highway in Bihar;

(b) the estimated amount to be spent on the same project and the total amount released so far for the same; and

(c) what are Government's plan to complete it at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The reach of about 160 KM length from Darbhanga to Forbesganj is missing link on National Highway-57. The feasibility study to fix alignment and to formulate preliminary proposals for this missing link is presently in progress.

(b) Since the preliminary report is not ready the estimated cost of the project cannot be indicated. A provision of Rs. 3 crore has made in the Annual Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.